

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

-against-

EXPEDITORS INTERNATIONAL OF
WASHINGTON, INC.; EXPEDITORS
INTERNATIONAL OCEAN; EXPEDITORS
INTERNATIONAL FRANCE SAS;

ECF CASE

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

07 CIV. 3166 (PKC)

Defendants.

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Third-Party Defendant, SOCIETE AIR FRANCE T/A AIR FRANCE, sued herein as AIR FRANCE, (herein after AIR FRANCE), by its attorneys, McDermott & Radzik, LLP, as and for its Answer to the Complaint states, upon information and belief, as follows:

1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8 of the Complaint.
2. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Complaint.
3. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the Complaint but admits Warsaw Convention applies as amended by MP-4 and the Montreal Convention.

AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

4. The action is governed by the Warsaw Convention as amended by MP 4 and the Montreal Convention and as such AIR FRANCE's liability is limited to either \$20 per kilo or 17 SDR's per kilo.

AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5. This action is governed by all terms and conditions of the air waybill issued by defendant AIR FRANCE; the contract of carriage, including all applicable tariffs.

AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

6. Any loss or damage to plaintiff's goods, which is denied by defendant AIR FRANCE was caused by the act or default of others and as such AIR FRANCE is not liable.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. Plaintiff is not a party to the air waybill and as such is not the real party in interest entitled to bring this action.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

8. Plaintiff did not make a claim to defendant within the required 14 days after delivery as required by the air waybill and Warsaw/MP 4 and the Montreal Convention.

WHEREFORE, the defendant, SOCIETE AIR FRANCE T/A AIR FRANCE, demands judgment dismissing the Third-Party Complaint, together with the costs and disbursements of this action and any other further relief this Court deems proper.

Dated: New York, New York
September 12, 2007

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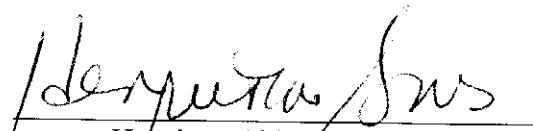
STATE OF NEW YORK)
: S.S.
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

HENRIETTA SHIELDS, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am employed by the firm of McDermott & Radzik, LLP, attorneys for the Third-Party Defendant, SOCIETE AIR FRANCE T/A AIR FRANCE. I am not a party to this action, am over 18 years of age and reside at Queens, New York.
2. On September 12, 2007, I served the annexed Answer to Complaint and Rule 7.1 Statement on:

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at the addresses designated by said attorneys for that purpose, by depositing true copies of same enclosed in a postpaid, properly addressed wrappers in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Services within the State of New York.



Henrietta Shields

Sworn to before me this
12th day of September, 2007



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